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SUBJECT: VOLTAN AMBASSADOR'S CALL ON ASSISTANT SECRETARY
SCHAUFELLE

1. DURING COURTESY CALL ON ASST SECY SCHAUFELLE JAN 16,
UPPER VOLTA AMBASSADOR TELESOPHORE YAGUIBOU RAISED QUESTION
OF LEVEL OF US ECONOMIC AID TO UPPER VOLTA. REFERRING TO
THE SECRETARY'S LETTER OF OCTOBER 21, 1975 TO PRESIDENT
LAMIZANA RE KOREAN ISSUE, YAGUIBOU SAID HE SUBSEQUENTLY
RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS FROM GOUV TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT US
VIEWS IN FORMULATING VOLTAN VOTES IN UNGA ON KOREAN
RESOLUTIONS. HAVING DONE THIS, AMBASSADOR WISHED TO KNOW
WHAT THE CONSEQUENCES WOULD BE WITH RESPECT OUR BILATERAL
RELATIONS WITH UPPER VOLTA AND OUR ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE
TO IT. YAGUIBOU THEN COMMENTED EXTENSIVELY ON MUTUAL
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ADVANTAGE TO US AND UPPER VOLTA OF BILATERAL (AS OPPOSED

TO REGIONAL) ASSISTANCE IN FORM OF HIGH-VISIBILITY PROJECTS, E.G., MARKOYE RANCH. AMBASSADOR SAID HE WAS NOT REQUESTING ANYTHING SPECIFIC AT THIS TIME, BUT HE WISHED KEEP SCHAUFELLE INFORMED OF GOUV'S NEEDS AND HOPED HE WOULD REFLECT ON THEM. SCHAUFELLE BRIEFLY REVIEWED THE CONGRESSIONAL RESTRAINTS PLACED ON OUR AID EFFORTS AND THE LIMITATIONS PLACED ON INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS. HE SAID WE WILL BEAR UPPER VOLTA'S INTERESTS IN MIND IN PROCEEDING WITH OUR ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS.

2. YAGUIBOU NEXT REFERRED TO THE SECRETARY'S MEETING WITH OAU AMBASSADORS JAN 15, DURING WHICH GHANIAN AMBASSADOR HAD ASKED QUESTION ABOUT PRESS REPORTS THAT LEVELS OF US AID TO AFRICAN STATES WOULD BE DETERMINED BY THEIR BEHAVIOR IN UN. SCHAUFELLE REPLIED BY REFERENCE TO SECRETARY'S STATEMENT THAT THESE PRESS REPORTS HAD EXAGGERATED THE IMPORTANCE OF AND MISUNDERSTOOD THE FUNCTIONS OF THE NEWLY-CREATED OFFICE OF MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS IN DEPARTMENT (IO). SCHAUFELLE SAID PRESS REPORTS DID NOT REPRESENT USG VIEWS. WHILE WE WOULD CONTINUE TO BE SELECTIVE IN OUR AID PROGRAMS, THERE WOULD BE NO CHANGE IN OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS WITH COUNTRIES BECAUSE OF THEIR VOTES IN UN. HE ADDED THAT CRUX OF PROBLEM WAS THAT SOME NATIONS ENGAGED IN PUBLIC ATTACKS ON US AND CONSISTENTLY VOTED AGAINST US ON ISSUES VITAL TO IT. THIS PROVOKES A VERY NEGATIVE REACTION IN US. TONE OF SOME UNGA DEBATES ANGERS AMERICANS. THIS WAS NOT HELPFUL. DEPARTMENT HAD HAD TO PROTEST TO SEVERAL AFRICAN STATES ON THIS POINT. SCHAUFELLE CONCLUDED BY SAYING OUR ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS WILL CONTINUE, BUT LIKE OTHER ASPECTS OF OUR RELATIONS, WILL CONTINUE TO BE INFLUENCED BY FACTORS SUCH AS THE RECIPIENT'S POSITION IN THE UN, AND THE REGIONAL, AS DISTINCT FROM NATIONAL, REQUIREMENTS OF AN AREA. SISCO

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